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ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL.**

AN ORDINANCE

**AMENDING CHAPTER 33 OF THE SAN ANTONIO CITY
CODE TO MODIFY FEES AND ADJUST FEES TO
PROVIDE FOR MORE UNIFORMITY; TO ESTABLISH A
DRIVERS TRAINING PROGRAM; TO REVISE THE
PROVISIONS FOR REVOCATION AND SUSPENSION OF
A DRIVER PERMIT; TO ADD TO AND MODIFY THE
DEFINITIONS; TO MODIFY THE PROCEDURES FOR
PERMITS FOR HORSE-DRAWN CARRIAGES; TO
MODIFY VEHICLE REQUIREMENTS, INCLUDING AGE;
TO MODIFY THE RATES OF FARE AND ADD A \$200
CLEANING FEE FOR TAXICABS; AND TO RE-ADOPT
THE EXISTING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS.**

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WHEREAS, vehicle for hire services, in the many different forms, including horse-drawn carriages, limousine services, tour services, charter services, and taxicab services, allow people to visit the City of San Antonio for business and for pleasure and enhances the enjoyment and experiences of those who visit by allowing access to the different areas of the City; and

WHEREAS, vehicle for hire services, in the many different forms, are likewise convenient and necessary for many residents of the City of San Antonio for business and pleasure and for essential personal and family needs, including food and medical care; and

WHEREAS, the owners, operators and drivers participated in a comprehensive review of the existing ordinance through meetings and presentations to determine changes which would ensure that the services are more effectively provided, the fees are more uniform and that the owners, operators and drivers will be fairly compensated for the important services they provide; and

WHEREAS, after careful consideration, the City Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the citizens of the City of San Antonio to modify certain of the City Code provisions that apply to Chapter 33 of the San Antonio City Code to improve their effectiveness; and

WHEREAS, in order to accomplish such revisions, it is necessary to modify Chapter 33 of the City Code; **NOW THEREFORE:**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1. Chapter 33 of the City Code of San Antonio, Texas is hereby amended in its entirety, as set forth in Attachment A, which is incorporated herein for all purposes.

SECTION 2. Should any article, section, part, paragraph, sentence, phrase, clause, or word of this Ordinance, for any reason, be held illegal, inoperative, or invalid, or if any exception to or limitation upon any general provision herein contained be held to be unconstitutional or invalid or ineffective, the remainder shall, nevertheless, stand effective and valid as if it had been enacted and ordained without the portion held to be unconstitutional or invalid or ineffective.

SECTION 3. The publishers of the City Code of San Antonio, Texas are authorized to amend said City Code to reflect the changes adopted herein and to correct typographical errors and to format and number paragraphs to conform to the existing City Code.

SECTION 4. The City Clerk of the City of San Antonio is hereby directed to publish notice of this Ordinance as required by Section 17 of the Charter of the City of San Antonio and the laws of the State of Texas.

SECTION 5. This ordinance shall take effect on August 15, 2013.

PASSED AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2013.

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Julián Castro

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Leticia M. Vacek, City Clerk

Michael D. Bernard, City Attorney